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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION PROJECT

1. PENNSYLVANIA'S AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KLINE RECENTLY DECIDED TO SPONSOR A CONGRESS OF WORLD UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD TO BE CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA IN JULY, 1976. INITIAL PLANNING ENVISIONS ATTENDANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED DISTINGUISHED PHILOSOPHICAL, SPIRITUAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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LITERARY AND OTHER LEADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD FOR PURPOSE OF (A) FOSTERING WORLD- WIDE RECOGNITION OF UNITY OF MANKIND AND (B) HOPEFULLY ORGANIZING CONGRESS ON PERMANENT BASIS TO MEET PERHAPS EVERY FIVE YEARS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONGRESS IS UNDER AUSPICES OF A NEW ORGANIZATION ENTITLED WORLD UNITED, INC., LOCATED IN PHILADELPHIA. TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS, REV- GUY MERVEILLE AND REV. A. WILLIAM SABATINO, ARE THE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS. PROJECT HAS ATTRACTED ASSISTANCE OF GAYLORD HARNWELL, PRESIDENT- EMERITUS OF UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA; JOHN BUNTING, PHILADELPHIA BICENTENNIAL CIVIC LEADER AND BANK PRESIDENT, AND NORMAN COUSINS AMONG OTHERS. PROJECT IS ESSENTIALLY NON- GOVERNMENTAL IN NATURE EVEN THOUGH SPONSORED BY PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. PARTICIPANTS

WILL ATTEND IN PERSONAL CAPACITY, NOT AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

3. REVS. MERVEILLE AND SABATINO ARE INITIATING A PRE-LIMINARY TOUR IN THE NEAR EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS AND DEVELOP INTEREST IN CONGRESS. FULL ITINERARY IS SET FORTH BELOW.

SUNDAY ARRIVE CAIRO JAPAN AIRLINES NO. 466
JULY 1 7:40 P. M.

CAIRO TO ALEXANDRIA TRAIN/ CAR
AND RETURN TO CAIRO

FRIDAY DEPART CAIRO SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES
JULY 6 5:45 P. M. NO. 358

FRIDAY ARRIVE DAMASCUS 7:30 P. M.
JULY 6

THURSDAY DEPART DAMASCUS AEROFLOT SOVIET
JULY 12 AIRLINES NO. 508
9:05 A. M.

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THURSDAY ARRIVE NICOSIA 9:00 A. M.
JULY 12

TUESDAY DEPART NICOSIA CYPRUS AIRWAYS NO. 302
JULY 17 1:15 P. M.

TUESDAY ARRIVE TEL AVIV 2:05 P. M.
JULY 17

SUNDAY DEPART TEL AVIV TRANS WORLD AIRLINES
JULY 22 9:05 A. M. NO. 801

SUNDAY ARRIVE ATHENS 10:55 A. M.
JULY 22

SATURDAY DEPART ATHENS TURK HAVA YOLLARI
JULY 28) VIA ISTANBUL) 1:25 P. M. NO. 964

SATURDAY ARRIVE MOSCOW AEROFLOT SOVIET
JULY 28 AIRLINES NO. 504
8:15 P. M.

SATURDAY DEPART MOSCOW AEROFLOT SOVIET
AUGUST 4 AIRLINES NO. 101
8:35 A. M.

SATURDAY ARRIVE WARSAW 8:40 A. M.
AUGUST 4

REV. SABATINO IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO U. S. FROM WARSAW
ON AUGUST 8. REV. MERVEILLE CONTINUES ON AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY DEPART WARSAW TAROM- ROUMANIAN AIR
AUGUST 9 7:50 P. M. NO. 226

THURSDAY ARRIVE BUCHAREST 12:05 A. M.
AUGUST 9

WEDNESDAY DEPART BUCHAREST TAROM- ROUMANIAN AIR
AUGUST 15 2:30 P. M. NO. 208

WEDNESDAY ARRIVE SOFIA 3:20 P. M.
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AUGUST 15

WEDNESDAY DEPART SOFIA YUGOSLAV AIRLINES JAT
AUGUST 22 (FOR RETURN TO U. S.) 7:50 A. M. NO. 113

4. DEPARTMENT IS SUPPORTIVE OF BICENTENNIAL EFFORTS OF
STATE COMMISSIONS PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO PROJECTS IN
FURTHERANCE OF CROSS- CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING. WILL THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES
POSTS MAY APPROPRIATELY EXTEND.

5. ACTION FOR ROME (INFO BEIRUT AND CAIRO)-- PLEASE
INFORM ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OF ABOVE, ASKING ITALIAN
EMBASSY DAMASCUS TO APPROACH SYRIANS FOR REACTION TO

PROPOSED VISIT BY PRIESTS. GIVEN TIME ELEMENT, YOU WILL
PROBABLY HAVE TO PROVIDE ANSWER THROUGH USINT CAIRO. ROGERS

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